

# HALLOWEEN

## TOM SIMS' HALLOWE'EN

Hallowe'en is one of our most unknown-about celebrations.

Apparently without any provocation that is what tonight is.

Its origin dates back even before the annual coal shortages.

While it only comes once a year it has seldom been known to miss.

It really is All Souls' Day, but all the winners celebrate.

Yet as a saxophonist said: "It's an ill wind that blows no good."

If you have furniture you dislike just leave it on the porch.

William can eat his ears clean bobbing for apples in a tub.

Steal your own fence and gate and it will help with the coal bill.

This is the only way you can give the coal barons the gate.

People naturally bawling for a party can fling one naturally.

Your visitors will be guests because you guess who they are.

You will know which is witch, but can't tell which is which.

When the rats are served watch the goblins gobble.

Fortunes can be told tonight and misfortunes tomorrow.

King of spades means you needed a king of diamonds.

Four aces, you will be rich. Five aces you will be shot.

Tea grounds in a cup bottom means it wasn't coffee.

Apple peels shaped like letters show they are not orange peels.

Each is the apple of your eye because that is where it hits you.

Race, chewing opposite string ends, stops chewing the rag.

In this chewing match always give the men a two foot start.

Blindfold everyone and let them hunt thumbtacks barefooted.

Enjoyment is added if they carry lighted candles in both hands.

Hide and seek is fine. Seek to pull some one's flowers and hide.

Then the owner of the flowers seeks your hide and tans it.

The ghost really walks for those who get paid on the first.

All the pumpkin heads running around won't have candles on them.

## BAKER'S DOZEN OF HALLOWE'EN STUNTS

For a Hallowe'en party, decorate your home with a few yards of red and yellow scrim or cheese cloth, with jack-o'-lanterns, fall leaves and bunches of corn, and with witch-like cut-outs from black paper, like some of the samples given with this article.



On your menu, don't neglect the Fortune Cake. It contains a ring, a thimble and a dime. Whoever gets the ring will be married soon; the thimble means celibacy; the dime, wealth.

Everybody knows the game of backing down a stairway, a candle in one hand; in the other a mirror, held before the face. In the mirror you'll see a reflection of your future spouse—if you've imagination enough.

Then have each guest throw an apple paring over his head—or hers. Falling, it will take the shape of a letter, the initial of the person the experimenter is to wed.

Next let them try pouring melted lead, through a ring, into a dish of water. The shape the lead takes will suggest something or other. If it looks like a torch, that guest will achieve fame; like

a horn of plenty, riches; a bottle, a career as boot-legger perhaps; and so on. Bobbing for apples always is popular. Tie the contestants' hands behind them and set them to fishing apples from a tubful of water with their teeth. Give the winner a prize.

An apple dangled by a string from the ceiling is hard to catch between the teeth, too. Have your guests try this, for a prize.

Thread a raisin on a string a yard long and start two guests on a race for it, by chewing the string, one at each end. The winner gets the raisin as a prize.

Seat your guests, one after another, on a round bottle laid lengthwise on the floor, the task being to thread a needle in this position. There's a prize for this, too.

Name two chestnuts, one after an engaged girl, the other after the man she's to marry, and put them on a fire.



If one sizzles and steams, it signifies bad temper; if both, strife; if they bounce apart, separation; if they burn quietly to ashes together, a long, happy married life.

Have your guests cut open an apple apiece, and count the seeds. Two mean



early marriage; three, a legacy; four, great wealth; five, a sea voyage; six, fame; seven, fulfillment of any wish that guest may make.

Provide a number of little boats—one for each guest—from halves of walnut shells, with a bit of lighted Christmas candle in each. Set them afloat in a tub. The boats' owners will behave as the boats behave. Some will glide away together. Some will drift apart. Some may be wrecked. The one whose candle goes out first never will wed.

The guests, after returning home, must place, each one, a glass of water, containing a silver of wood, beside his bed, or hers. During the night, the sleeper will dream of falling into a stream and being rescued by the man or woman the slumberer is to wed. "Last Hallow Eve," wrote the poet Gay, "I looked my love to see, and tried a spell to call her up to me; with wood and water standing by my side, I dreamed a dream, and saw my own sweet bride."

## THE THREE PUMPKINS



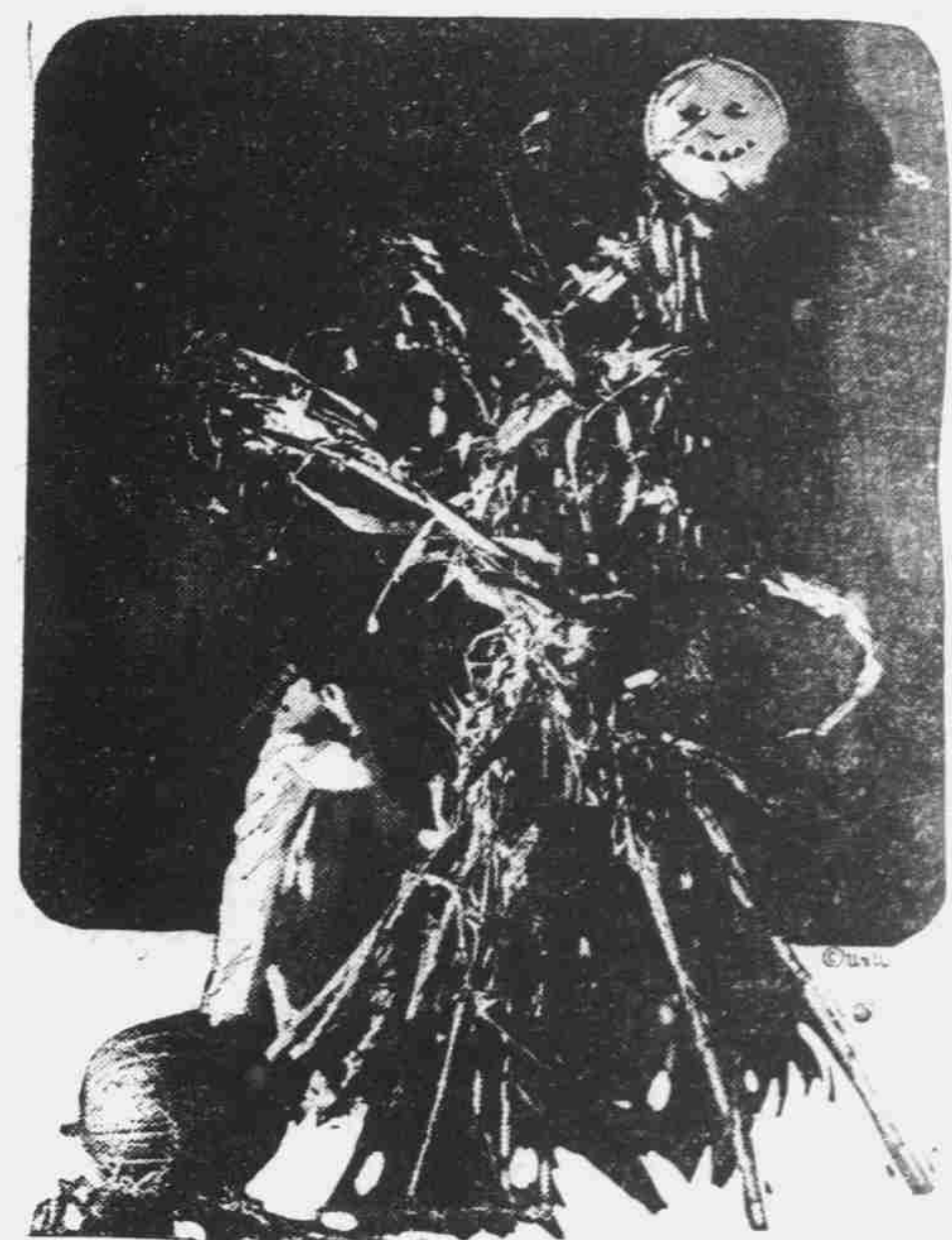
At a Hallowe'en party, three pumpkins were brought in, numbered as the ones shown above. The largest pumpkin was offered as a prize to the boy who could arrange the pumpkins in a row so they formed a number of three figures that could be divided by three. How did the winner arrange the pumpkins?

Solution

The boy turned the pumpkins down like this.



After All Is Said and Done  
Goblin Boos Are Just in Fun



By Hal Cochran.

"What is that face atop the corn?" said little Mary with deep scorn. "And is it trying to boo at me so I will start to run?" My mamma says that, in the air, are spirits and I'd best beware. But gee, I know that spirits only come to have their fun."

So, little Mary, you can see, is just as brave as brave can be. "Aw, nuthin' ever scares me," says this little tiny tot. "I've heard about the flyin' witch, but shucks, she never made me twitch." And Mary adds that scary things are really tommy-rot.

Say, have you heard the story old, about the sandman brave and bold? Why, he's a fine old fellow; if you doubt it, ask your dad. Don't ever let him scare you twice, is Little Mary's advice—"He only comes to make you sleep—that ought to make you glad."

And then the funny boogie-wogie folks who live in chimney corners. Mary really likes them. "Gee, friends of hers, says she. Or the fairy land where mystic things are grand, and everybody wants to be nice to you and me."

So, every little tiny mite, when this Hallowe'en night, take little Mary's sound advice and keep all frights off. Don't shiver if the pumpkins boo, only want to dance with you. So, the merry witches and the goblins play.

## SPIRIT OF HALLOWE'EN



## A HALLOWE'EN PUZZLE



On high she flies, up through the skies, And cross the Milky Way. To find out who she is, just do As these directions say: Cut out each of the little drawings and paste on separate pieces of cardboard, of the same shape. Then fit these various pieces together correctly and you will have a picture of a well-known Hallowe'en character.

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## Carries on for Imprisoned Mate



Madame Gandhi, wife of Mahandas K. Gandhi, Hindu political leader jailed for sedition in India, is carrying on her husband's battle against British rule. Here she's showing native women how to weave cloth which is to be used in preference to the British product.

## Back to Days Of the Druids and Old Rome

Hallowe'en, Hallowe'en or All Hallow Even is the eve or virgil of All Hallowes or All Saints Day, Nov. 1.

But it antedates Christian times. On Nov. 1 the Romans had a feast to Pomona, goddess of fruits and seeds. Thanks for Harvest.

On the same date, or thereabouts, the Druids held their autumn festival to the sun, giving thanks for the season's harvest.

And they taught that, the night before, Saman, Lord of death, called together the wicked souls he had condemned to occupy animals' bodies during the year. It was then that, by gifts and incantations, he might be induced to release these captives.

November, too, was one of the times for these same Druids to rekindle their supposedly sacred fires.

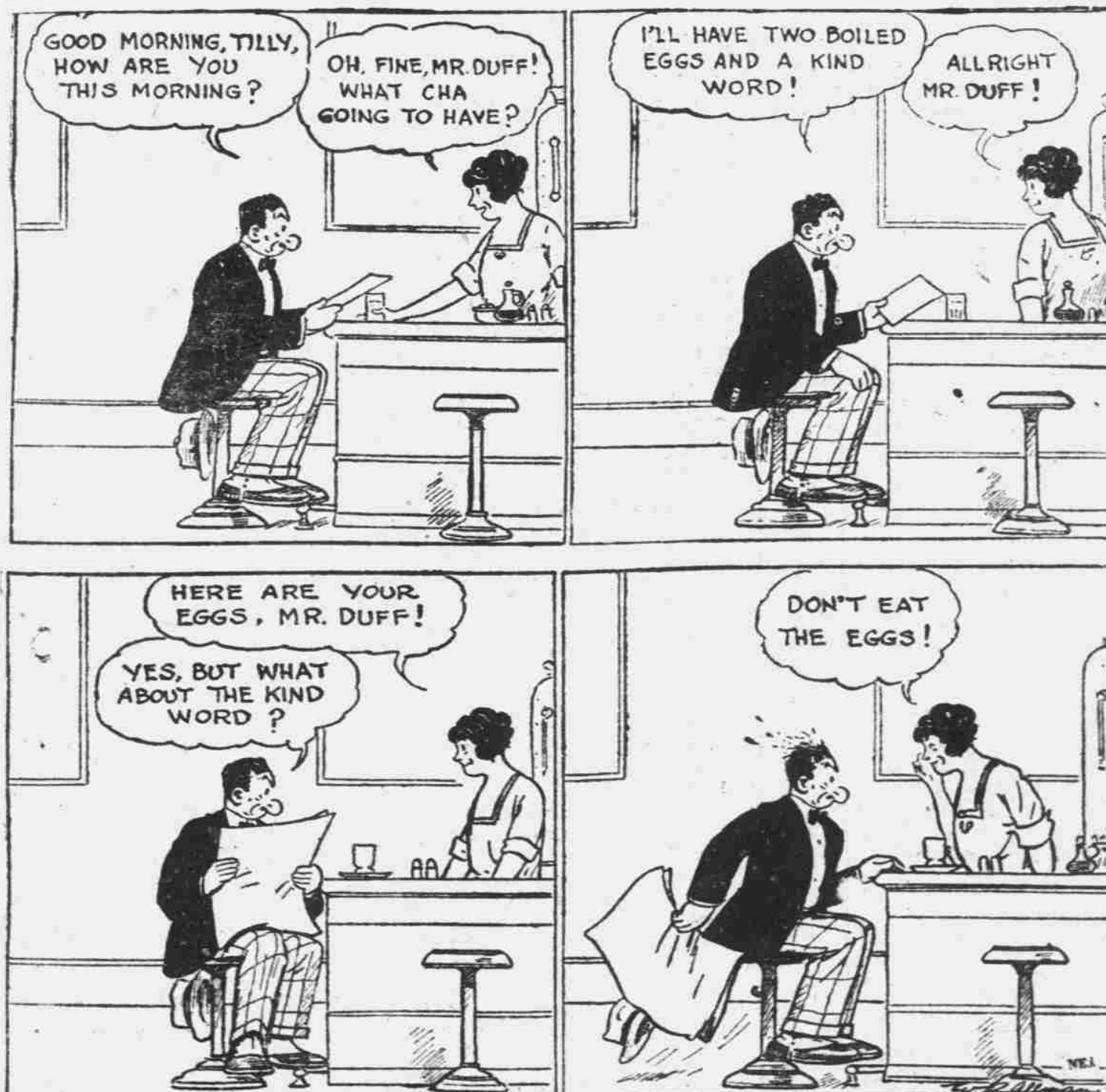
However, the superstitions of pagans and Christians alike agreed that the night of October 31, of all nights in the year, was the time when supernatural influences were strongest.

Wrath of the dead, it was long believed, wandered abroad on this night, together with witches, devils and mischief-making spirits and elves, and in some cases the spirits of living persons were able to leave their bodies temporarily, to join this ghostly company.

Hence, of all nights, it was the night of devotion, and particularly for unmarried young people to learn whom their future husbands or wives were to be.

## DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

By ALLMAN



## MISCHIEF NIGHT

Hallowe'en, when it started far back in the mists of time, was the night when evil spirits were supposed to flock out of hiding and roam the earth, marauding and destroying.

After many centuries we see the work of the evil spirits inherited and ably handled by Willie, Tom, Pat and the rest of the youthful "gang."

It illustrates how next to impossible it is to get a custom or superstition out of the human brain, once it gets there.

On the ancient agricultural calendar, Hallowe'en was a sort of New Year's Day. Harvest was over and the landlord called for his share of the crops raised by tenant farmers.

It was custom for him to arrive late in the evening and make merry at such pastimes as older drinking and apple bobbing. When the fun was over and the landlord got down to business, it was early morning of November 1.

Probably this is why the first of the month is rent-paying day. Instead of the 15th or any other date that would be just as logical.

Time was, when Hallowe'en was a night of devilry and more a night of good fellowship, roasting places, good things to eat and drink, and delightful superstitions such as a down cellar stairs backward, candle and a mirror in which the future husband's face might appear.

The world never has enough of this Hallowe'en, and make it of witches and goblins jovial as prankful.

Many a bob white rounds out period of existence without ever getting from the nest where hatched.

Marriages performed in register offices in one district of London increased from 290 to more than 1,000 annually within recent years.

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